

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Lois Bartels was born on March 9, 1929, to Charles and Hazel (Plumb) Bartels, at Gettysburg, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Lois graduated from St. John Regional Medical Center's School of Nursing at Huron, South Dakota, worked as a nurse in many hospitals across the country as she and her military husband transferred to various locations, and later retired to Iroquois, South Dakota, and eventually retired from the same hospital she began her nursing career; and,

*Whereas*, Lois married Robert A. Rounds and to that union five children were born: Julia, Diane, Valerie, Janine, and Robert, Jr., and their lives have been further blessed by 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and,

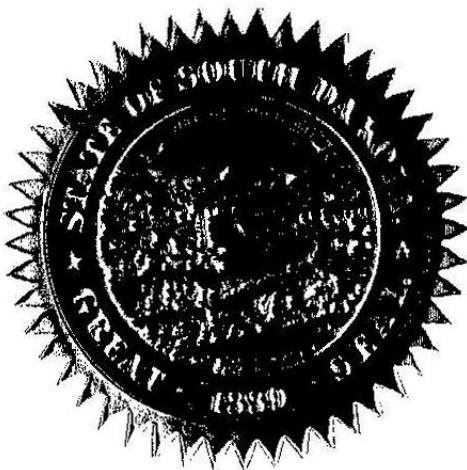
*Whereas*, Lois enjoys finding a good garage sale, listening to music, watching a good movie, conversing with friends and family over a cup of coffee, and having a good laugh; and,

*Whereas*, Lois will observe her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on March 14, 2009, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

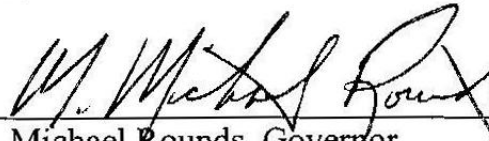
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 14, 2009, as

### *LOIS ROUNDS DAY*


in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State